

REMARKS

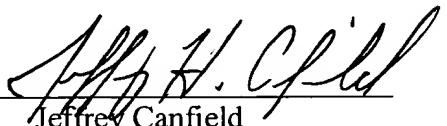
The present amendment and remarks are in response to the Office Action entered in the above identified case and mailed on July 21, 2003. Claims 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,577,328 to Matsuda et al. Claims 2-4, 6, 8-10, 12, 14-16, 18, 20-22 and 24 were objected to for being dependent on rejected base claims, but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and intervening claims.

Applicant has amended the claims as required by the Examiner and respectfully submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant requests that the Examiner allow the claims and move the case to issue. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's attorney Jeffrey Canfield at (312) 807-4233 so that these issues may be resolved.

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